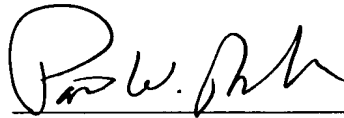


**Remarks**

Claims 1-17 are now pending in this application. Submitted herewith is a Substitute Specification and Abstract.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick W. Rasche", written over a horizontal line.

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